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CANBERRA - FOR RSO FROM SCARRITT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, ASEC

SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE - WELLINGTON

1. ENTERTAINING LARGE GROUPS OF GUESTS AT REPRESENTATIONAL DINNERS IN WELLINGTON REQUIRES THE USE OF THE PAVILION ROOM ADJACENT TO THE DINING ROOM. IN A RECENT VISIT TSO BOB WHITE INSPECTED THE AREA AND NOTED AN EXTERIOR CRAWL SPACE UNDER THIS ROOM AND THAT THE RESIDENCE STRUCTURE EXTENDS NEARLY TO THE PROPERTY LINE. THE ADJACENT UNDEVELOPED PROPERTY HAS TREES AND HEAVY SHRUBBERY MAKING SURREPTITIOUS ENTRY OR LOITERING DIFFICULT TO PREVENT OR DETECT. WHITE HAS RECOMMENDED INSTALLING A BARRIER TO THE CRAWL SPACE WHICH WILL BE DONE.

2. PROTECTION OF THE RESIDENCE AND ITS GUESTS ARGUES FOR A FENCE ON THIS BOUNDARY LINE OR AT LEAST GETTING THE AREA (WHICH WE DO NOT OWN) CLEANED OFF SO THAT A ROVING GUARD CAN CONDUCT EFFECTIVE VISUAL SURVEILLANCE. AMBASSADOR SELDEN INFORMS ME THAT THE ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNER WILL SELL TEN FEET OF HIS PROPERTY ALONG OUR ENTIRE COMMON BOUNDARY FOR \$7700.00. (MY NOTES DO NOT RECORD WHETHER THIS IS U.S. OR N.Z. DOLLARS).

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3. I APPRECIATE THAT THIS MERELY ADDS TO THE ALREADY SUBSTANTIAL LIST OF SECURITY-RELATED PROJECTS CONFRONTING FBO BUT I THINK THIS SHOULD HAVE A HIGH PRIORITY AMONG THEM. PERHAPS A FENCE COULD COME LATER, IF NECESSARY, BUT THE RESIDENCE IS VULNERABLE ON THIS PROPERTY LINE WITHOUT EITHER A FENCE OR CAPABILITY OF GUARD SURVEILLANCE. WE OUGHT TO MOVE ON THIS INFORMAL OPTION BEFORE THE OWNER JACKS UP ON THE PRICE.

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